

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, HELD ITS REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2006 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING.

PRESENT: Anthony B. Toran, President, Steve LaDuke, Chas Hunter, Police Chief Merle Harl, Traffic Division Supervisor Officer Joe Lewis, Code Enforcement Officer Pam Badger, Deputy Fire Chief Stanley Mason, City Clerk Marcey Wisman, Street Department Director Joddie Johnson, Flood Control Director Ron Granger, Drainage Department Director Buddy Norton, Building commissioner Paul Roberts, Controller Kay Garry, Sewer Billing director Kelly Welsh, and Animal Shelter Director David Hall.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Toran called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #1 - Paul Wheatley re: sign at corner of Elm and Scribner

Mr. Wheatley introduced Gary Crossgrove from Skysign to explain to the Board a sign that would be put up for people to see as they enter New Albany from I-64.

Mr. Crossgrove stated that they have not done this for a city as of yet. He explained that they have signs at the airport. There would be a LED section of the sign to welcome people who would be in the area for special events. He stated that it could also have a weather scroll on the sign, but he felt it would be great to promote businesses.

Mr. Hunter stated that he felt that this should be taken under consideration because he believes that the State will be constructing in that area soon and he would like to make sure that this wouldn't impede the construction.

Mr. Toran asked Mr. Munford if he knew if a sign in this area would impede the construction.

Mr. Munford stated that they were just paving the road and it wouldn't be in the way

Mr. LaDuke made a motion to approve the sign, Mr. Toran second, Mr. LaDuke and Mr. Toran voted aye, Mr. Hunter voted nay.

Item #2 - Ray Bloomer re: request for vendor's permit to sell rabbits.

Mr. Bloomer approached the board to request a vendor permit to sell Easter bunnies on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

David Hall stated that there is nothing in the ordinance forbidding this, but because they end up with the bunny when they don't pan out as a good pet he would ask that the board oppose the request.

Mr. Hunter moved to deny the permit, Mr. LaDuke second,

Mr. Bloomer stated that he did not have a problem with going back and picking up any rabbits that do not work out from either the city or the individual.

All voted against Mr. Bloomer's request.

Mr. Toran passed out a schedule for railroad repairs throughout New Albany. They will close

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the crossing at Mt. Tabor Road from February 13 to the 17 and the Beechwood Avenue crossing from February 20 to the 24.

Mr. LaDuke made a motion to approve, mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Toran submitted a report on the status of the capsized barge at the K & I Bridge. Said report is on file with the City Clerk. He stated that there had been a misunderstanding over the weekend regarding the closing of the street. He informed everyone that the Corp of Engineers had requested that they close Water Street and they have a tape of the dispatch call.

Mr. Toran stated that the board has the Reimbursement Agreement for the Mt. Tabor Road project to sign. He stated that it has already been approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:

Mr. Johnson stated that the Redman Club would like to hang a banner across Main Street for the crusade in front of their new building but they need the city to hang cables from the poles.

Mr. Toran asked Mr. Johnson to take care of that.

Mr. Johnson stated that he is ready to install the new sign for Academy Drive.

There was a lengthy discussion as to where the sign should be hung. It will be placed over the road and replace the Jaquace Sign.

Mr. Johnson reported that the Division Street School sign is being made and will be up this week.

Officer Lewis stated that there needs to be street sweeping signs on the West side of Spring street in the area of the new Fire House.

Mr. Toran asked Mr. Johnson to take care of that.

Chief Harl stated that there needs to be a change made in chapter 9 of the SOP and presented a copy to the Board to review.

Mr. Toran will take this under consideration and make a decision at the next meeting.

Mayor Garner stated that he has a certificate of appreciation for Mr. Steve LaDuke. He read the certificate and presented it to Mr. LaDuke and thanked him for his service to the city.

Mr. Toran stated that this wasn't Mr. LaDuke's last meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Tom Spuddich, reported that the owners are making attempts of cleaning up the trash at 1018 E. Elm, and he again thanked everyone for their help.

Mr. Roberts stated that he spoke with the owner yesterday and he said that he is going to take care of the building violations and he asked if he would come out and answer questions he has on some issues.

Dave Hall reported that they have ceased the trapping and that they caught four cats.

Mr. LaDuke stated that he noticed a house on E. 8th that had the windows boarded up but it looks like there are still people living there.

Pam Badger stated that there are not people still living there.

Mr. Eaton asked if the Mt. Tabor project goes all the way through to Charlestown road.

Mr. Toran stated that it did not, it ran between Green Valley Road and Grantline Road.

Mr. Eaton reported that at 2802 Mt. Tabor on the right hand side going towards Charlestown Road there is a big hunk of concrete that may be a hazard.

Mr. Hunter stated that he knew where he was talking about and would go look at it.

Mr. Simon reported that the Vetrans Plaza lights have finally all come in so they can now complete the work on the Plaza. He stated that they have a problem with the location of the barriers being on the inside of the sidewalk he thinks that it should be on the outside of the sidewalk to protect the pedestrians. He also said they need some help with a jackhammer and backhoe to get the old flag pole out.

Mr. Hunter stated that he will go out and look at these problems.

Mr. LaDuke moved to give them assistance with these problems, **Mr. Hunter** second, all voted in favor.

BIDS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. LaDuke made a motion to approve the minutes for January 17, **Mr. Hunter** second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve the minutes for January 24, **Mr. Toran** second, all voted in favor except **Mr. LaDuke** who abstained.

Mr. Toran set an executive session for 9:00 a.m. before the next meeting.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to go before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony B. Toran, President
Board of Public Works & Safety

Marcey J. Wisman, City Clerk
Civil City of New Albany, Indiana

AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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